

Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)

Meeting minutes April 21, 2008

(Approved by WWMC on May 5, 2008)

Meeting time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Tiverton Community Center

Members present: John Christo, Don Wilbur, Ray Joubert, Leroy Kendricks, Chris Nearpass & Colleen Stanton, Stephen York.

Also in attendance: John Lincourt, (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent

Christopher Spencer: Town Planner

Residents-Roger Michel, Linda Michel, Kate Michaud, D.C. Beattie, Mark DeMello, Jan Brodie.

1. The minutes of the March 31 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission were amended and unanimously approved on a motion by Chris Nearpass, seconded by Stephen York.

2. On-Site Issues- Define the Nanaquacket drainage area:

After a review of the current USGS grid for the referenced area, the watershed was defined by the commission and the Superintendent. This will be the basis for the July 1, 2008 notice of a First Inspection of wastewater disposal systems.

3. Sewer Projects:

a. Bourne Mill- Motion by Mr. Chris Nearpass, and second by Mr. Donald Wilbur: The Commission approves the design for the Bourne Mill Redevelopment Project. The motion was passed unanimously after the superintendent presented a letter dated 4/17/2008, from the Armory Revival Co. and a discussion of the completeness of the design. A memo of approval will be sent to the Planning Board, with the Amory Revival Co. letter .

b. Watuppa Plantations- The superintendent described the status of the design, and shop drawings for this project, which was submitted by letter of transmittal dated 4/11/2008. He further stated that the design was ready to be forwarded to Beta Engineering for final technical review. By consensus of the commission the chairman directed Mr. Lincourt to send a letter to Mr. Davis Logan , Developer for this project, that the commission is not inclined to issue a final approval for the pump station until the downstream sewer problems in Countryview Estates are addressed.

c. Mount Hope Bay Interceptor- Mr. Lincourt reported that he has received a letter dated 4/15/2008 from Little Medeiros Kinder Bulman & Whitney PC, which is a "Request" for records of this project. There was a discussion of the voluminous records that required retrieval and copying, and how the commission can comply with the request. Since this is the first exposure to this matter, it was decided that the Chairman would consult with town officials on our appropriate response.

d. Audet Street- Request to change from private to public sewers.

Mr. Mark DeMello spoke to the commission on the history of this area and the agreements made with the city of Fall river. A letter dated 4/21/2008, with "Agreement for wastewater...etc.", from Kate and Robert Michaud was presented to the commission chairman. It was asserted that the sewers were installed in circa 1952 and thereafter with an estimated 35 residences connected. Other residents also commented that they felt the sewers were already property of the town because they were placed in public streets with the full knowledge of the town's officials. Also cited in the Fall River agreement was the town succeeding responsibility for operation and maintenance of all the sewers. The chairman explained that this was the first knowledge that this commission has of this problem. The matter will be researched and discussed with other town officials before anything further can be done.

e. Robert Gray Ave/ Summerfield Lane- RIDEM report(excerpts from the 2008 report addressing only Tiverton)-The superintendent cited this report and the high levels of Fecal Coliform from these surface water discharges shown in the table therein and are described as priority sources of this contaminant. The superintendent also noted that this specific area has been given the highest priority for future sewer extensions; because of the high water table and difficulties with residential disposal systems; and the availability of an adjacent interceptor sewer. Residents have also been attempting to organize construction of a sewer in Summerfield Lane by are dealing with many difficult obstacles.

4. Long Range Planning- No activity to report.

5.Financial Reprt-

a. FY 2009 Budget- The Budget Committee is proposing to eliminate the line item for the On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems program. This has been made known to the Commission Chairman by one of the commission members. The chairman will address this issue with town officials.

b. Personal expenses for the superintendent in the amount of \$51.53 were presented for payment; regarding attendance at the NEWPCA annual conference and Topographic maps for the commission.

6. Public Education- It was noted that the OWTS ordinance requires coordination of the public education for this program with the town's Conservation Commission. Also, an annual report of the two commission efforts is due in October of each year. The chairman will make the initial contact with the Conservation commission to launch this effort. Also, a meeting with the public is needed for the Nanaquacket Pond drainage area since they are scheduled to receive letters from this program July 1,2008. The presentation that was made last year was referenced and with some changes, such as multiple vendors, and leadership provided by the commission this could be done quickly. A large hall is needed for this presentation.

7. Documentation and procedures- Ordinance requirement for removal of cesspools within one year of property sale.

a. Mr. Joubert described his efforts to organize this program with the superintendent and other town officials. As a result a memo of understanding has been drafted for the chairman to the Tax Assesor-the most affected town office - ,Town Clerk and Town Administrator copied. The memo will delineate the role of the Tax Assessor who will provide the basic data for property transfers where the structures were constructed prior to 1973, the accepted cut off for non-conforming disposal system.

8.General Administration- No activity to report.

9. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Nearpass, second by Colleen Stanton. Passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting date is May 5, 2008, 5:00PM at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by: Raymond Joubert, Acting Secretary